



# Some New Fixed Point Theorems for expansive map on $S$ -metric spaces

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## ABSTRACT

In this note, we define the expansive map on  $S$ -metric space, also we study behavior of expansive map defined on a complete  $S$ -metric space and offer some new ways to proving fixed point type theorems and survey it by some illustrative examples.

## 1 Introduction

In 2006, a new structure of generalized metric space was introduced by [4] as an appropriate notion of generalized metric space called  $G$ -metric space, for applications of this structure see [3, 5]. Recently [8, 2, 1] simplify properties of  $G$ -metric space and introduced the notion of  $S$ -metric space. In this note we will examine some fixed point theorems and behavior of expansive map on  $S$ -metric space.

## 2 Basic Concepts

We briefly give some basic definitions of concepts which serve a background to this work.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. An  $S$ -metric on  $X$  is a function  $S : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which satisfies the following conditions for each  $x, y, z, a \in X$

- (i)  $S(x, y, z) \geq 0$ ,
- (ii)  $S(x, y, z) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y = z$ ,
- (iii)  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$ .

The set  $X$  with an  $S$ -metric is called an  $S$ -metric space.

The standard examples of  $S$ -metric spaces are:

- (a) Let  $X$  be any normed space, then  $S(x, y, z) = \|y + z - 2x\| + \|y - z\|$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .
- (b) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space, then  $S_d(x, y, z) = d(x, z) + d(y, z)$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ . This  $S$ -metric is called the usual  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .
- (c) Another  $S$ -metric on  $(X, d)$  is  $S'_d(x, y, z) = d(x, y) + d(x, z) + d(y, z)$  which is symmetric with respect to the argument.
- (d)  $S(x, y, z) = \max\{d(x, z), d(y, z)\}$  is another  $S$ -metric on  $X$

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**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^+$ . Define

$$S(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y = z, \\ \max\{x, y, z\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $S$  is an  $S$ -metric. To show  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$ , assume  $S(x, y, z) = x$ . We have  $x \leq \max\{x, a\} \leq \max\{x, a\} + \max\{y, a\} + \max\{z, a\}$ . That is,  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$ .

**Example 2.2.** (See[10]). Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , define  $S : X \times X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  as follows:

$$S(1, 1, 2) = S(2, 2, 1) = 5,$$

$$S(2, 2, 3) = S(3, 3, 2) = S(1, 1, 3) = S(3, 3, 1) = 2,$$

For  $x = y = z$ ,  $S(x, y, z) = 0$ , otherwise  $S(x, y, z) = 1$ .

$S$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ .

**Example 2.3.** (See[6]). Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^+$ . Define  $S(x, y, z) = |\ln \frac{x}{y}| + |\ln \frac{xy}{z^2}|$ . Then  $S$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$ . We have  $S(x, y, z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ln \frac{x}{y}, \ln \frac{xy}{z^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y, xy = z^2 \Leftrightarrow x = y = z$ .

To show  $S(x, y, z) \leq S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} S(x, y, z) &= |\ln x - \ln y| + |\ln x + \ln y - 2\ln z| \leq |\ln x - \ln a| + |\ln a - \ln y| + |\ln x - \ln z| + |\ln z - \ln y| \\ &\leq 2|\ln \frac{x}{a}| + 2|\ln \frac{y}{a}| + 2|\ln \frac{z}{a}| = S(x, x, a) + S(y, y, a) + S(z, z, a). \end{aligned}$$

In this note we will often use the following important fact.

**Lemma 2.1.** (See[8]). In any  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$ , we have  $S(x, x, y) = S(y, y, x)$  for  $x, y \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  converges to  $x$  if  $S(x_n, x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and we denote this by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{x}$  or  $\mathbf{x}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** (See[8]). Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. If there exist sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(x_n, x_n, y_n) = S(x, x, y)$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $S(x, y, z) = |x - z| + |x + z - 2y|$ .  $S$  is an  $S$ -metric on  $X$  but it is not generated by any metric. To show this, assume  $S$  is generated by a metric  $d$ . So we have,  $S(x, y, z) = d(x, z) + d(y, z)$ . For  $y = z$ , we have  $S(x, z, z) = 2|x - z| = d(x, z)$ . For  $y = x$  we have  $S(x, x, z) = 2|x - z| = 2d(x, z)$ . That is for every  $x, z \in X$ ,  $2d(x, z) = 2|x - z| = d(x, z)$ , which is a contradiction.

There exists a natural topology on an  $S$ -metric space. At first let us define the notion of (open) ball.

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. For  $r > 0$  and  $x \in X$  we define an open ball with center  $x$  and radius  $r$  as follows:

$$B_s(x, r) = \{y \in X : S(y, y, x) < r\}.$$

This is a quite different concept of the ball in the usual metric space. We have:

**Example 2.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and let  $S_d(x, y, z) = d(x, z) + d(y, z)$  be the usual  $S$ -metric on  $X$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} B_s(x_0, 2) &= \{y \in X : S(y, y, x_0) < 2\} = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : 2d(y, x_0) < 2\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R} : d(y, x_0) < 1\} = B_d(x_0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

By using the notion of open ball we can introduce the standard topology on an  $S$ -metric space such that its basis is the open balls.

**Definition 2.4.** The sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in an  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  is called **Cauchy sequence** if  $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} S(x_n, x_n, x_m) = 0$ .

**Definition 2.5.** An  $S$ -metric space  $(X, S)$  is said to be **complete** if every Cauchy sequence converges.

We prove the following result:

**Lemma 2.3.** Any  $S$ -metric space is Hausdorff.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. Suppose  $x \neq y$  and put  $r = \frac{1}{3}S(x, x, y)$ . We have  $B_S(x, r) \cap B_S(y, r) = \emptyset$ , for  $x, y \in X$ . Otherwise there exists  $z \in X$  such that  $z \in B_S(x, r) \cap B_S(y, r)$ , therefore by definition of open ball we have  $S(z, z, x) < r$  and  $S(z, z, y) < r$ . By Lemma 2.1 and (iii), we get

$$3r = S(x, x, y) \leq 2S(z, z, x) + S(z, z, y) = 2S(x, x, z) + S(y, y, z) < 3r,$$

which is a contradiction. □

**Remark 2.2.** We have:

$x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $(X, d)$  if and only if  $d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ , if and only if  $S_d(x_n, x_n, x) = 2d(x_n, x) \rightarrow 0$ , that is,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $(X, S_d)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $(X, S_1)$  and  $(Y, S_2)$  be  $S$ -metric spaces. A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called **continuous** at  $x \in X$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$S_1(x, x, y) < \epsilon \Rightarrow S_2(f(x), f(x), f(y)) < \delta,$$

$$\text{or} \quad f(B_{S_1}(x, \delta)) \subset B_{S_2}(f(x), \epsilon).$$

**Lemma 2.4.** (See[7]). Let  $(X, S_1)$  and  $(Y, S_2)$  be  $S$ -metric spaces. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous at  $x \in X$  if and only if  $f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  whenever  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

**Definition 2.7.** (See[8]). Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space. A map  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a **contraction** if there exists a constant  $0 \leq k < 1$  such that

$$S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \leq kS(x, x, y), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** (See[8]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a contraction. Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

**Definition 2.8.** (See[3]). Let  $(X, S)$  be an  $S$ -metric space and  $T$  be a self-map on  $X$ . Then  $T$  is called an **expansive map** if there exists a constant  $a > 1$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have

$$S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \geq aS(x, x, y).$$

The constant  $a$  is called the **expansion coefficient**.

Expansive map on  $S$ -metric space need not to be continuous, consider to following example:

**Example 2.5.** Let  $T : (\mathbb{R}, S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, S)$  be defined by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} 4x & \text{if } x \leq 2, \\ 4x + 3 & \text{if } x > 2, \end{cases}$$

where  $S(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - z|, |y - z|\}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{R}, S)$  is a complete  $S$ -metric space and  $T$  is an expansive map with expansion coefficient  $a = 2$ .

### 3 Main Result

We state our main result:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$ -metric space and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a surjective and expansive map with the expansion coefficient  $a$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* Assume  $Tx = Ty$ , then  $0 = S(Tx, Tx, Ty) \geq aS(x, x, y)$ , which implies that  $S(x, x, y) = 0$ , hence  $x = y$ . So,  $T$  is injective and invertible. Let  $H$  be the inverse map of  $T$ . Then

$$S(x, x, y) = S(T(Hx), T(Hx), T(Hy)) \geq aS(Hx, Hx, Hy).$$

Thus, for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have  $S(Hx, Hx, Hy) \leq kS(x, x, y)$ , where  $k = \frac{1}{a} < 1$ . Applying Theorem 2.1, we conclude that  $H$  has a unique fixed point  $u \in X$ ;  $H(u) = u$ . But,  $u = T(H(u)) = T(u)$ , so  $u$  is also a fixed point of  $T$ .

Suppose there exists  $v \neq u$  such that  $Tv = v$ , then  $Tv = v = H(Tv)$ , so  $Tv$  is another fixed point for  $H$ . By uniqueness we conclude that  $u = Tv = v$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$ -metric space and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a surjective map satisfying the following condition, for all  $x, y, z \in X$

$$S(T(x), T(y), T(z)) \geq k\{S(x, x, Tx) + S(y, y, Tx) + S(z, z, Tx)\} \quad (1)$$

where  $k > 1$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point.

*Proof.* From (iii) we have  $S(x, x, Tx) + S(y, y, Tx) + S(z, z, Tx) \geq S(x, y, z)$ , then by inequality (1) we have  $S(T(x), T(y), T(z)) \geq kS(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , by putting  $x = y$ , the proof follows from Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Example 3.1.** Accomplish  $X = \mathbb{R}$  with the  $S$ -metric  $S(x, y, z) = \max\{|x - z|, |y - z|\}$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Define  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$Tx = \begin{cases} 4x & \text{if } x \leq 2, \\ 2x + 4 & \text{if } x > 2, \end{cases}$$

Obviously  $T$  is a surjective map on  $X$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} S(Tx, Tx, Ty) &= \begin{cases} 4|x - y| & \text{if } x, y \leq 2, \\ 2|x - y| & \text{if } x, y > 2, \\ |4x - 2y - 4| & \text{if } y > 2, x \leq 2, \\ |2x - 4y + y| & \text{if } x > 2, y \leq 2, \end{cases} \\ &\geq 2|x - y| = 2S(x, x, y). \end{aligned}$$

So for  $a = 2$  all conditions of the Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Therefore,  $T$  has unique fixed point zero.

**Theorem 3.2.** (See[9]). Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$ -metric space and let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a surjective map satisfying the following condition for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$S(T(x), T(x), T(y)) \geq aS(x, x, y) + bS(x, x, Tx) + dS(y, y, Ty) \quad (2)$$

where  $a, b, c$  are non negative real numbers and  $a + b + d > 1$  and  $b < 1$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$ -metric space and let  $T$  be a surjective self-map on  $X$  satisfying the following condition for all  $x, y \in X$

$$S(T(x), T(x), T(y)) \geq \alpha S(x, x, y) + \beta \{S(x, x, Tx) + S(y, y, Ty)\}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are non negative real numbers and  $\alpha + 2\beta > 1$  and  $\beta < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.2, If we put  $\alpha = a$ , and  $b = d = \beta$ , then the condition (3) reduced to condition (2), so the proof follows from Theorem 3.2.  $\square$

**Example 3.2.** Accomplish  $X = \mathbb{R}^+$  with the following  $S$ -metric

$$S(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y = z, \\ \max\{x, y, z\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define  $T(x) = 2x$ , suppose  $x < y$ . Then we should have:

$$\begin{aligned} S(Tx, Tx, Ty) &= S(2x, 2x, 2y) = 2y \\ &\geq aS(x, x, y) + bS(x, x, Tx) + cS(y, y, Ty) \\ &= ay + 2bx + 2cy, \end{aligned}$$

for  $a = \frac{32}{31}$  and  $b = c = \frac{1}{31}$  all conditions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied and zero is the fixed point of  $T$ . For  $y < x$  we have the same result.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(X, S)$  be a complete  $S$ -metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be an surjective map satisfying the following condition for all  $x \in X$ :

$$S(Tx, Tx, T^2x) \geq aS(x, x, Tx) \quad (4)$$

where  $a > 1$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in X$ , since  $T$  is surjective, so there exists  $x_1 \in T^{-1}(x_0)$ . Successively we can pick up  $x_n \in T^{-1}(x_{n-1})$  for  $n = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$ . If  $x_m = x_{m-1}$  for some  $m$ , then  $x_m$  is a fixed point of  $T$ . Assume  $x_n \neq x_{n-1}$ ,  $T(x_n) = x_{n-1}$  for every  $n$ , then from (4) we have

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}) \leq \frac{1}{a} S(x_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, x_{n-2}). \quad (5)$$

Let  $q = \frac{1}{a}$ , then  $q < 1$ . By repeating (5) and using Lemma 2.1 we have

$$S(x_n, x_n, x_{n-1}) \leq q^{n-1} S(x_0, x_0, x_1). \quad (6)$$

Then by (iii) and Lemma 2.1 for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}; n < m$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\leq 2S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + S(x_m, x_m, x_{n+1}) \\ &= 2S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + S(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_m) \\ &\leq 2S(x_n, x_n, x_{n+1}) + 2S(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + S(x_m, x_m, x_{n+2}) \\ &\dots \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=n}^{m-2} S(x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}) + S(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m). \end{aligned}$$

Now, by (6) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} S(x_n, x_n, x_m) &\leq 2 \sum_{i=n}^{m-2} S(x_i, x_i, x_{i+1}) + S(x_{m-1}, x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=n}^{m-2} q^{n-1} S(x_0, x_0, x_1) + q^{m-1} S(x_0, x_0, x_1) \\ &\leq 2q^{n-1} S(x_0, x_0, x_1) [1 + q + q^2 + \dots] \\ &\leq \frac{2q^{n-1}}{1-q} S(x_0, x_0, x_1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\lim S(x_n, x_m, x_m) = 0$ , as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ . So  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence. By the completeness of  $(X, S)$ , there exists  $u \in X$  such that  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $u$ . Since  $T$  is surjective there exists  $b \in X$  such that  $T(b) = u$ . Also, there exists  $c \in X$  such that  $T(c) = b$ . Now for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} S(x_n, x_n, u) &= S(Tx_{n+1}, Tx_{n+1}, T^2(c)) \\ &\geq \alpha S(x_{n+1}, x_{n+1}, T(c)). \end{aligned}$$

That is  $\lim x_n = T(c)$ . So  $b = T(c) = u = T(b)$ . □

**Example 3.3.** Accomplish  $X = \mathbb{R}^+$  with the following  $S$ -metric,

$$S(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y = z, \\ \max\{x, y, z\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Assume,

$$Tx = \begin{cases} 4x & \text{if } x < 2, \\ 2x & \text{if } x \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

We have:

$$T^2x = \begin{cases} 16x & \text{if } x < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 8x & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 2 \\ 4x & \text{if } 2 \leq x, \end{cases}$$

$$S(Tx, Tx, T^2x) = T^2x = \begin{cases} 16x & \text{if } x < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 8x & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 2 \\ 4x & \text{if } 2 \leq x. \end{cases}$$

$$S(x, x, Tx) = \begin{cases} 4x & \text{if } x < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 4x & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 2 \\ 2x & \text{if } 2 \leq x \end{cases}$$

So,  $S(Tx, Tx, T^2x) \geq 2S(x, x, Tx)$ . That is, all conditions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied and  $T$  has fixed point zero. ( $T$  is continuous).

**Example 3.4.** Accomplish  $X = \mathbb{R}^+$  with the following  $S$ -metric,

$$S(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = y = z, \\ \max\{|x|, |y|, |z|\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Assume,

$$Tx = \begin{cases} \sqrt{3}x & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 2x & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

We have:

$$T^2x = \begin{cases} 3x & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 4x & \text{if } x \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$S(x, x, Tx) = Tx = \begin{cases} -\sqrt{3}x & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 2x & \text{if } x \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$S(Tx, Tx, T^2x) = \begin{cases} -3x & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 4x & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

So,  $S(Tx, Tx, T^2x) \geq \sqrt{3}S(x, x, Tx)$ . That is, all conditions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied and zero is the fixed point of  $T$ .

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